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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-72

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding, enclosed for filing on behalf of Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State") are an original and eight (8) copies of Bay State's Motion for Protective Order concerning information provided in response to information requests DTE 1-7 and AG 1-7. Also enclosed are unredacted copies of Bay State's responses to those information requests.

Please date stamp a copy of this letter for our files.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Maribeth Ladd

Cc: Caroline O'Brien, Hearing Officer  
James Keshian, Esq.  
Wilner Borghella, Esq.